Weekend of Relationship Enhancement at Correctional Industrial Facility

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Pendleton, Indiana - (August 26, 2007) - Correctional Industrial Facility in Pendleton, Indiana, completed its first weekend of Preventative Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) today. Sixteen

(16) offenders and their loved ones spent the last two days attending a workshop on Relationship Enhancement.

Through this innovative program, offenders are learning the skills they need to be involved, responsible and committed husbands. PREP teaches offenders to connect with their significant others while incarcerated and prepares them for lasting relationships when they are released from prison.

"Congratulations to all involved in such a constructive program", said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "This is another avenue for these men to pave a successful route back into their communities."

Sunday afternoon, one of the participants was asked during class what he thought of the program and without hesitation replied, "It's the best program the state has had in a long time." Many other positive comments were added.

"This is another means for these guys to get support in preparing to be contributing citizens," stated Superintendent Thomas D. Hanlon.

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